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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

Seasonal adjustment

2. Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting ABS statistics are given in Appendixes C and B, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, Australia* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the ABS monthly and quarterly publications.

3. As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, such as Easter and Australia Day.

4. Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are preliminary and subject to revision.

Related publications

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$3.10). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- r figure or series revised since previous issue
- p preliminary—figure or series subject to revision
- n.a. not available
- n.y.a. not yet available
- break in continuity of series (where drawn between two consecutive figures in the same column)

7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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PRODUCTION

Month	Black coal '000 tonnes	Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720 W '000	
				Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1982-83—															
July	9,778		39.8	10,476	9,019	47,237	37,450	606	573	539	490	41.8	37.3	223	217
August	9,827	23,524	38.3	9,296	8,358	41,161	34,683	561	530	473	454	41.2	37.5	252	229
September	9,863		35.7	8,818	8,703	37,766	35,489	368	396	463	470	36.5	32.9	271	214
October	9,562		36.3	8,697	8,858	34,236	35,216	372	385	479	457	32.9	30.9	296	246
November	10,512	18,597	39.0	8,381	8,870	34,520	37,767	414	435	458	431	30.7	27.2	232	199
December	7,599		30.1	8,293	8,823	28,659	34,454	413	414	420	432	24.4	26.6	184	176
January	5,166		25.2	7,942	8,739	26,081	31,816	389	373	268	407	4.1	13.4	51	132
February	8,522	21,156	40.0	8,001	8,974	30,678	37,307	399	425	389	401	30.6	30.5	154	162
March	10,542		45.4	8,839	9,026	34,931	37,486	430	415	429	405	31.2	26.2	176	160
April	7,329		41.1	8,455	9,077	40,814	37,905	396	414	348	342	24.5	29.2	141	164
May	8,963	n.y.a.	45.1	8,235	8,960	41,236	37,193	472	445	389	364	29.2	25.5	149	166
June	9,924		41.8	8,939	9,050	42,661	35,978	486	489	421	416	29.4	26.3	185	183
1983-84—															
July	9,959		n.y.a.	10,505	9,102	44,747	35,343	518	494	410	376	31.4	29.4	193	192
August	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	9,977	8,853	40,349	33,798	519	485	420	407	34.1	30.2	227	198

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B.M.R.). (b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: B.M.R. (c) Available for issue through mains; includes national gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

PRODUCTION—continued

Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) '000 sq m(a)		Woollen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blanketing) '000 sq m(a)		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufacturing division(b)	Whole milk intake by factories(c) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$ m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers(d)	Original	Seas. adj.
1982-83—															
July	3,131	2,827	831	839	12,578	10,802	226	227	346.4	296	461	47,083	81.4	34,445	34,388
August	3,086	2,912	836	848	10,727	9,995	191	197	350.2	462	453	76,930	81.8		
September	3,060	2,659	843	819	10,353	9,525	241	217	353.4	624	470	100,711	82.3		
October	3,371	2,735	1,065	960	11,763	10,252	202	185	355.5	742	477	106,079	81.3	r34,312	r34,300
November	2,923	3,154	1,116	882	11,395	10,633	200	197	356.4	707	448	91,542	79.5		
December	1,915	2,090	777	814	8,095	9,378	192	201	357.7	628	442	46,904	74.2		
January	687	1,819	523	979	4,532	12,101	162	187	359.2	529	455	30,472	82.0	r33,944	r33,988
February	2,551	2,636	943	880	9,735	10,121	180	188	362.7	382	428	39,007	78.4		
March	3,128	2,855	986	826	11,565	10,566	199	184	365.7	330	422	40,694	73.3		
April	2,602	2,616	845	892	11,423	12,680	170	186	370.3	277	446	23,041	70.8	33,350	p33,375
May	2,879	2,805	r695	r756	r11,830	r10,974	161	157	373.0	274	544	30,195	74.5		
June	3,583	3,175	r888	891	15,860	13,331	174	174	p374.3	r274	r562				
1983-84—															
July	3,114	2,827	644	664	12,952	11,405	173	r179	p376.2	345	539	41,418	81.2		
August	3,112	2,838	804	760	13,722	12,619	185	179	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		

(a) The Commodity composition of this series has changed following the introduction of a revised production commodity classification for textile items. Figures on the new basis are available from July 1979. (b) This index is on a net division basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (c) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (d) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (e) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0.

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Value of total exports \$m	Value of total imports \$m	Values at average 1979-80 prices \$m		Export price index All groups 1974-75 = 100	Balance on current account \$m	Net apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (a) \$m
			Exports f.o.b.	Imports f.o.b.				
			Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.				
1982-83—								
July	2,024	2,081			195	-564	418	6,770
August	1,819	2,048	4,767	4,844	198	-755	309	6,711
September	1,720	1,875			200	-704	1,683	8,396
October	1,874	2,079			201	-753	1,222	8,888
November	2,028	1,990	4,617	4,545	202	-372	1,053	9,395
December	1,820	1,698			199	-499	1,187	10,094
January	1,928	1,382			199	-297	657	10,850
February	1,641	1,621	4,343	4,075	201	-492	-566	9,979
March	1,771	1,840			209	-541	763	10,365
April	1,612	1,561			210	-523	1,509	11,404
May	2,068	1,772	4,281	4,233	213	-305	198	11,124
June	1,893	1,858			p213	-663	469	10,748
1983-84—								
July	2,041	2,011			p213	r-365	r482	10,868
August	1,966	2,014			n.y.a.	-565	956	11,169

(a) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

INTERNAL TRADE

Retail sales(a)

Month	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. \$m		Food and drink \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture \$m		Other(b) \$m		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered(c) '000		Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other businesses, balances outstanding(d) \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1982-83—														
July	3,190	3,249							41.9	38.4	13.6	12.1	3,914	
August	3,080	3,242	4,758	4,859	3,058	3,159	1,612	1,692	43.8	40.8	12.7	12.7	3,934	
September	3,163	3,254							39.2	39.4	11.3	11.4	3,960	
October	3,283	3,344							36.5	38.6	11.4	12.0	3,963	
November	3,494	3,389	5,501	5,103	3,841	3,275	2,009	1,679	36.2	36.1	10.5	10.9	3,998	
December	4,589	3,314							47.7	47.0	9.9	10.2	4,031	
January	3,129	3,429							26.2	32.4	8.7	10.9	3,989	
February	3,078	3,479	5,105	5,269	2,975	3,442	1,603	1,737	29.7	32.1	10.5	11.3	3,962	
March	3,469	3,520							43.5	40.1	13.5	12.1	3,991	
April	3,376	3,489							31.4	33.6	10.8	11.6	3,960	
May	3,418	3,416	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	38.0	36.4	11.9	11.3	4,004	
June	3,317	3,462							r39.3	36.3	11.7	9.9	r4,011	
1983-1984—														
July	3,373	3,534							35.1	r33.5	10.6	9.8	4,003	
August	n.y.a.	n.y.a.							p42.6	p37.6	p11.7	p10.9	n.y.a.	

(a) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census; excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Other; excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (c) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (d) During the period, amounts financed to new agreements made were: May \$174m; June \$171m; July \$170m.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Weekly earnings of employees (\$'a)		Award rates of pay indexes(b), adult persons June 1976 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee (c)	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities, 1980-81 = 100(d)								
	All males	All females			All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education(e)
1981-82—June			177.2										
1982-83—July			179.3										
August	333.70	221.80	181.5	1.26	118.5	114.0	111.2	118.9	119.1	121.1	118.0	143.1	103.3
September			182.2										
October			182.6										
November	341.50	223.60	183.6	1.30	122.0	116.8	113.7	122.3	123.6	122.7	124.0	151.2	105.7
December			184.1										
January			184.5										
February	345.00	230.30	184.5	1.14	124.7	118.9	113.9	124.1	125.5	126.4	125.8	157.4	109.8
March			184.7										
April			184.8										
May	347.30	231.80	184.8	1.19	127.3	124.2	117.8	126.0	127.1	126.4	128.5	161.1	112.0
June			184.8										
1983-84—July			184.8	1.20									

(a) The Average weekly earnings per employed male unit has been replaced by a new series based on a quarterly survey of employers. Figures for 'all males' prior to September quarter 1981 are estimates based on the relationship of the two series for September quarter 1981. An explanation of the linking of the series is given in *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia, December Quarter 1981 (Preliminary)* (6336.0), and an explanation of the differences between the series is provided in an *Information Paper* (6336.0). (b) New series. See *Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia* (6336.0). (c) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further details see August issue of *Overtime, Australia* (6336.0). (d) With the introduction of the tenth series of the CPI, the reference base of the CPI series has been changed to 1980-81 = 100.00. The main CPI series published becomes that for the weighted average of the eight capital cities. Monthly index series are no longer compiled for the food group. (e) New grouping introduced from March quarter 1982. Base of index series: March quarter 1982 = 100.0.

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$m		Building approvals dwellings 100 units		Government building approved \$m	Building commenced, total(a) \$m		Dwellings commenced(a) 100 units		Price indexes		New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises (\$m)(e)			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Materials used in building other than house building(b)	Materials used in building other than house building(c)	New buildings and structures		Other new capital equipment	
												Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1981-82—June	943.7	r841.1	10.2	r9.2	135.9					398.7	r133.7				
1982-83—July	861.0	827.0	10.2	10.3	110.5	2,553.6	2,499.5	26.6	25.8	402.8	135.6				
August	792.2	770.6	9.6	9.3	123.4					405.8	137.0	1,368.7	1,412.4	2,733.2	2,756.2
September	725.5	704.8	9.3	9.0	108.3					r408.4	138.1				
October	722.3	743.0	8.6	r8.6	126.4	2,167.0	2,259.7	25.0	24.5	409.7	138.6	(d)1,219.1	(d)1,061.6	3,111.6	2,971.0
November	753.9	689.4	9.6	8.9	111.9					r410.7	139.2				
December	740.2	757.8	8.4	r9.0	162.0					412.4	140.3				
January	570.8	740.3	7.1	r7.2	98.3					415.7	141.2				
February	829.1	939.0	9.6	r10.7	273.2	2,034.0	2,021.5	24.0	25.7	419.0	141.7	907.3	1,068.3	2,351.4	2,711.2
March	809.6	743.3	11.4	9.9	153.7					422.5	142.5				
April	714.9	797.0	11.7	r10.6	199.3	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	r425.2	143.1	p1,061.7	p1,028.4	p2,922.7	p2,673.0
May	930.4	832.2	11.2	r10.2	r217.7					426.9	143.8				
June	r877.7	781.5								r429.3	144.5				
1983-84—July	830.4	834.8	10.5	11.0	128.0					p431.7	144.8				

(a) The ABS has recently implemented a new system for collecting, compiling and publishing building activity statistics. For further details of the change to 'Building commenced' data, see September Quarter 1980 (Advance Release) issue of 8705.0, released on 1 May 1981. For further details of the change to 'Dwellings commenced' data, see statement (issued under Catalogue No. 8703.0) entitled *Changes to Published Building Activity Statistics*, which was released on 12 December 1980. (b) Weighted average six State capital cities, 1966-67 = 100.0. (c) Base: 1979-80 = 100.0. (d) Prior to December Quarter 1982, data include the value of speculatively built construction projects by enterprises in the finance, property and business services industries. (e) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction.

FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (b)		Finance companies balances outstanding (c) \$m		Housing finance for owner occupation value of loans approved (d)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (f) per cent	Listed companies new money raised \$m	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue fund— \$m
							Permanent building societies lenders (e)					
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Banks \$m	Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (e) \$m			
1982-83—												
July	24,975	25,042	29,569	30,706	22,569	22,498	27,983	307	108	95	16.40	3,272
August	25,266	25,242	29,857	30,748	22,639	22,674	28,143	328	113	84	16.60	4,032
September	25,344	25,360	30,631	31,013	22,817	22,822	28,569	369	108	88	15.20	3,019
October	25,704	25,610	30,613	30,640	23,121	22,860	28,930	356	114	86	14.40	3,245
November	25,910	25,905	31,022	30,973	22,948	22,815	28,939	384	129	92	14.20	4,177
December	27,063	26,917	31,424	30,917	22,866	22,690	28,937	379	128	93	14.00	3,251
January	28,155	27,950	30,321	29,730	22,690	22,812	28,579	348	123	79	12.55	3,656
February	28,935	28,646	30,177	29,315	22,642	23,060	28,273	447	198	96	13.00	3,768
March	28,681	28,727	31,305	30,091	23,242	23,569	28,134	509	222	120	14.10	4,160
April	28,424	28,862	31,441	31,032	23,649	23,507	28,062	366	179	108	12.60	5,739
May	29,106	29,436	31,390	31,889	23,861	23,590	28,016	435	222	128	12.10	5,198
June	30,006	29,959	31,557	32,310	23,914	24,068	28,075	434	196	108	13.70	4,271
1983-84—												
July	30,352	30,408	31,427	32,623	24,008	23,931	28,211	395	182	98	13.60	n.y.a.
August	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	31,377	32,138	23,982	24,019	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	14.00	n.y.a.

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly publication 5614.0. (d) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (e) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (f) This series is based on non-rebate bonds. (g) Break in series due to a change in accounting procedures.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (\$m)

Quarter	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
							Private		Government		Private		Public	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES														
1981-82—														
March	34,960	37,061	1,352	1,797	33,608	35,264	21,642	22,624	5,753	6,166	5,830	6,471	2,656	3,003
June	36,963	38,630	770	1,764	36,193	36,866	23,277	23,513	6,976	6,768	7,347	6,929	3,327	2,885
1982-83—														
September	39,020	39,438	1,273	1,479	37,747	37,959	24,003	24,109	6,595	6,690	6,402	6,473	3,173	3,381
December	44,241	40,590	2,576	1,367	41,665	39,223	26,364	24,910	7,656	7,276	6,566	6,240	3,415	3,335
March	38,179	40,334	1,070	1,344	37,109	38,990	24,433	25,557	7,036	7,541	5,470	6,086	2,811	3,185
June	39,452	40,610	692	1,366	38,760	39,244	25,449	25,706	7,455	7,225	6,164	5,813	4,033	3,497

AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES

1981-82—														
March	28,358	30,329	1,487	1,951	26,871	28,378	17,891	18,706	4,509	4,803	4,697	5,216	2,083	2,355
June	28,962	30,366	1,116	1,970	27,846	28,396	18,808	18,959	5,170	5,002	5,704	5,373	2,507	2,175
1982-83—														
September	30,067	30,356	1,716	1,740	28,351	28,616	18,703	18,826	4,874	4,964	4,826	4,882	2,298	2,448
December	33,228	30,123	2,554	1,543	30,674	28,580	20,036	18,910	5,399	5,157	4,876	4,637	2,419	2,363
March	27,948	29,851	1,200	1,513	26,748	28,338	18,163	19,024	5,043	5,372	3,978	4,427	1,963	2,224
June	28,169	29,167	853	1,450	27,316	27,717	18,492	18,635	5,267	5,087	4,391	4,138	2,779	2,410

AT CURRENT PRICES—continued

Quarter	Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises														Income of farm unincorporated enterprises	Other household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income
	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Companies				Other		Wages, salaries and supplements							
					Original		Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.								
Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.							
1981-82— March June	7,317 7,539	7,274 7,589	5,767 6,122	5,776 5,941	3,378 4,017	3,807 4,231	6,658 6,152	7,518 7,578	20,135 21,775	21,062 21,901	444 -126	8,885 11,656	6,295 8,952	23,169 24,353				
1982-83— September December March	7,474 7,076 6,544 6,882	7,381 7,170 6,504 6,931	6,133 6,222 5,925 6,279	6,272 6,227 5,986 6,166	3,793 4,831 3,666 4,373	3,792 4,197 4,098 4,601	7,851 9,984 7,231 6,586	7,795 8,037 7,947 7,702	22,690 24,080 21,862 22,706	22,946 23,020 22,997 22,632	370 1,596 144 -221	10,029 12,840 10,899 13,684	5,704 5,529 6,464 9,030	27,385 32,987 26,441 27,140				

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) (' 000)													JOB VACANCIES (' 000)
Month	Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work	Total			Survey estimates (c)
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Males	Females		Males	Females	Persons	
1982-83—													
July	4,307.8	4,323.2	2,534.4	2,542.5	6,842.2	6,865.7	233.1	142.9	74.2	253.3	196.9	450.3	21.5
August	4,287.5	4,321.2	2,518.6	2,542.0	6,806.0	6,863.2	249.9	135.6	73.1	271.0	187.5	458.5	
September	4,352.9	4,345.5	2,567.1	2,548.5	6,920.0	6,894.0	271.6	149.1	85.2	293.7	212.1	505.9	
October	4,354.6	4,376.9	2,582.4	2,581.8	6,937.0	6,958.7	286.6	158.4	91.8	307.3	229.6	536.8	16.4
November	4,331.2	4,373.7	2,571.4	2,568.8	6,902.6	6,942.5	313.5	170.4	68.1	326.9	225.1	552.0	
December	4,412.4	4,351.1	2,618.4	2,582.7	7,030.8	6,933.8	378.4	206.8	88.8	404.7	269.2	674.0	
January	4,361.3	4,336.8	2,495.1	2,581.6	6,856.4	6,918.4	409.2	216.2	66.2	431.5	305.9	737.3	16.9
February	4,400.6	4,359.8	2,601.7	2,587.0	7,002.2	6,946.9	412.2	223.8	95.6	435.3	296.4	731.6	
March	4,387.2	4,362.5	2,645.3	2,602.6	7,032.4	6,965.1	407.2	203.2	96.7	430.6	276.6	707.2	17.5
April	4,364.9	4,375.6	2,585.4	2,574.4	6,950.3	6,950.1	413.4	212.6	92.6	436.0	282.5	718.6	
May	4,368.7	4,373.2	2,611.4	2,605.2	6,980.1	6,978.5	408.2	203.8	79.0	424.8	266.2	691.1	
June	4,352.2	4,385.5	2,590.5	2,599.8	6,945.7	6,985.3							
1983-84—													
July	4,368.9	4,389.7	2,600.3	2,611.7	6,969.3	7,001.5	r407.5	190.1	87.1	429.4	r255.3	684.8	16.7
August	4,340.4	4,374.8	2,576.1	2,601.7	6,916.6	6,976.5	409.5	195.7	78.9	429.7	254.5	684.1	

(a) Labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Labour force survey estimates. (c) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the Department of Labour.

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Labour force survey estimates. (c) Results of sample surveys of government employees and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see 6231.0.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, AUSTRALIA(a) (Excluding agriculture and private domestic service) ('000)

Month	Civilian employees									Defence Forces(b)		Total Government	
	Commonwealth		State		Northern Territory		Local		Total		Persons	Persons	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females			Persons
1982—													
April	275.6	128.7	579.9	424.3	7.7	6.6	104.1	28.9	967.3	588.5	1,555.8	73.4	1,629.2
May	275.1	128.5	581.8	421.8	7.7	6.6	104.1	28.8	968.7	585.8	1,554.5	73.3	1,627.8
June	274.7	127.4	582.3	426.9	7.6	6.6	104.5	28.9	969.0	589.9	1,558.9	73.2	1,629.8
July	273.9	128.2	581.2	426.1	7.5	6.5	104.2	29.0	966.8	589.8	1,556.6	73.1	1,631.5
August	274.4	128.7	580.9	427.5	7.5	6.3	104.2	28.9	967.0	591.4	1,558.4	73.0	1,633.5
September	275.0	129.6	580.5	428.2	7.5	6.3	104.1	29.2	967.2	594.5	1,561.7	73.1	1,634.8
October	275.5	130.0	580.0	427.7	7.6	6.4	104.2	29.4	967.2	594.3	1,562.1	73.0	1,635.1
November	276.2	130.9	579.6	427.6	7.6	6.3	104.3	29.6	967.7	594.3	1,562.1	72.7	1,628.7
December	277.1	131.5	577.8	422.1	7.5	6.1	104.4	29.3	966.9	589.1	1,556.0		
1983—													
January	276.4	130.8	578.6	410.0	7.6	6.3	104.7	29.2	967.3	576.3	1,543.6	73.1	1,616.7
February	276.7	131.2	581.5	423.8	7.6	6.4	105.7	30.0	971.5	591.4	1,562.9	73.2	1,636.1
March	276.1	131.4	584.5	428.9	7.7	6.3	105.8	30.3	974.0	596.9	1,571.0	73.2	1,644.2
April	276.9	132.5	584.8	431.4	7.7	6.5	107.3	30.5	976.7	600.9	1,577.6	73.1	1,650.7
May	276.7	133.0	585.2	428.6	7.8	6.6	108.0	30.8	977.7	599.0	1,576.7	72.9	1,649.6

Source: Australia (Preliminary) (6202.0). (b) Permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas.

(a) For further details, see *The Labour Force, Australia (Preliminary)* (6202.0). (b) Permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas.

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